



Small Passenger Vessel Compliance Checklist

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This Checklist is a compilation of checklists currently in use at marine safety offices around the nation and is a work in progress. In its present state, it concentrates on items generally reviewed and approved during the plan review process conducted at the Marine Safety Center in Washington, D.C., or locally at the marine safety office. Although it should not be considered "all inclusive," it does provide a significant listing of the regulations small passenger vessels must be in compliance with.

Plans Key: MS - Mid-ship Section, OP - Outboard Profile, IP - Inboard Profile, D - Deck Arrangement, ENG - Machinery Installation, EL - Electrical Installation, FT - Full Tanks, P - Piping, HSP - Hull and Shell Penetrations

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Init.	Date	Plan	Cite	Description
General				
_____	_____		175.110	Vessel determined eligible for certification and subject to Subchapter T or K regulations (See PlanRev Admin & Mgt Guide and Table 175.110(d).
_____	_____		175.122	Vessel \geq 79' w/keel laid on/after 21JUL68, engaged in int'l voyage, are subj. to L/L assignment, certification and marking under Subch. E (See 46 CFR Subch. E and NVIC 1-88)
_____	_____	D	176.133	Approx. number of passengers permitted. Length of Rail: _____ Deck Area: _____ Fixed Seating: _____

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Construction and Arrangement				
_____	_____		177.202	Appropriate plans submitted.
_____	_____	MS, IP	177.300	Construction meets recognized standards.
_____	_____	MS, IP	177.315	Vessels \leq 65' and carrying NMT 12 passengers can have scantlings approved by OCMI.
_____	_____	IP	177.405(c)	Vapor boundary between machinery/fuel space and accommodations.
_____	_____	IP	177.405(g)	Mattresses meet 16CFR or IMO A.688(17)
_____	_____	ENG, D	177.405(b)	Internal combustion engine exhausts, boiler and galley uptakes, and similar sources of ignition shall be kept clear of and suitably insulated from any woodwork or other combustible matter.
_____	_____	D	177.405(d)	Paint and flammable liquid lockers and similar compartments constructed of steel or equivalent material.
_____	_____	MS, IP	177.405(b)	FRP construction with fire retardant resins and meets ASTM E-84 flame spread rating of not more than 100. See 410(c) for use of general purpose resin & operating restrictions/requirements.
_____	_____	D	177.500	Two routes of escape from all general areas accessible to passengers, crew quarters, or regularly manned spaces. At least one route is independent of watertight doors.
_____	_____	D	177.500(h) & (i)	Doors, hatches or scuttles used as means of escape must be capable of being opened by one person from either side and in both light and dark conditions. Door must open towards the direction of the escape.
_____	_____	D	177.600	All enclosed spaces within the vessel properly vented or ventilated. Power ventilation capable of being secured from pilot house.
_____	_____	D	177.700	Crew accommodation adequate when crew members are living on board vessel.
_____	_____	D	177.710	Overnight accommodations must be provided for all crew members if the vessel is operated for more than 12 hrs in a 24 hr period.
_____	_____	D	177.800	Passenger accommodations sat.
_____	_____	D	177.810	Overnight accommodations sat.

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Construction and Arrangement - continued				
_____	_____	D	177.820	Seating accommodations in passenger accommodations adequate.
_____	_____	OP	177.900	Deck rail height/spacing acceptable. Height of rails required _____.
_____	_____	D	177.1010	Window construction and visibility sat.
_____	_____		178.310	Stability test: <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Inclining Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Deadweight Survey Only Date _____ (Catamarans)
_____	_____	OP	178.410-440	Vessel Hull Type <input type="checkbox"/> Flush Deck <input type="checkbox"/> Cockpit <input type="checkbox"/> Well Deck <input type="checkbox"/> Open Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Required
_____	_____	OP, IP	178.510	Ballast stowed properly.
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.210	Collision bulkhead required? <input type="checkbox"/> > 65' <input type="checkbox"/> > 49 Passengers on Exposed Route <input type="checkbox"/> > 40' on Partially Protected Route <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Vessel in Cold Water
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.212	Watertight bulkheads for subdivision.
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.220	Watertight bulkheads location acceptable.
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.240	Foam flotation only on vsIs <65' Collision bulkhead sat.
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.310	Collision bulkhead sat.
_____	_____	OP, IP	179.320	Watertight bulkhead construction adequate. Watertight bulkheads must be installed in one plane without steps, recesses, or penetrations.
_____	_____	OP, IP, P	179.330	Watertight doors sat.
_____	_____	OP	179.350	Openings inside the vessel below the bulkhead or weather deck sat. Through-hull penetrations not more than 6 inches above the load waterline (LWL) provided with positive action valve or cock as close as possible to the hull.
_____	_____	OP, D	179.360	Hatches acceptable. Deckhouse and companionway openings. Coaming height required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No Coaming height provided: _____

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Lifesaving				
_____	_____	D	180.64	EPIRB - any route beyond 3 miles
_____	_____	D	180.70-210	Required primary lifesaving equipment
Firefighting Requirements				
_____	_____	ENG, P	181.300	Power driven fire pump adequate. Not required on vessels <65' carrying 49 passengers or less.
_____	_____	P	181. 310 & 320	Fire hydrants, piping, hoses and nozzles sat.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.400	Required fixed fire extinguishing system. Machinery / Fuel Oil Tank Spaces _____ Paint / Oil / Hazardous Spaces _____ Cargo Space _____
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.400(b)	Type fixed fire extinguishing system: CO2 _____ Other _____ (See NVIC 6-72)
_____	_____		181.400(c)	Fire detection system sat.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.520	Cylinder and controls adequate and in appropriate locations.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.410(c)	Cylinders mounted appropriately.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.410(f)(I) & (ii)	Amount of CO2 required.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.410(f)	Controls for fixed fire extinguishing system adequate.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.410(f)(iii)	Piping for fixed fire extinguishing system adequate.
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.410(f)(v) & (vi)	Discharge outlets of approved type and of sufficient total area. Required Area: _____ Provided: _____
_____	_____	D, ENG, P	181.500	Portable extinguishers provided IAW table 181.500(a).

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Machinery Requirements				
_____	_____	ENG	182.200	Main propulsion machinery suitable for vessel, service and route.
_____	_____	ENG	182.200(b)	Machinery and boilers for steam, outboard motors, air screws, hydraulic jets and electrically propelled vessels meet requirements of Subchapter F (Marine Engineering) and Subchapter J (Electrical Engineering).
_____	_____	ENG	182.310(a)	Aux. machinery of the internal combustion type sat.
_____	_____	ENG	182.310(b)	Auxiliary machinery of steam and gas turbine type meet requirements of Subchapter F.
_____	_____	ENG	182.320(a)	Electric water heater criteria satisfactory
_____	_____	ENG	182.320	Water heater must rated more than 100 psig or 250° F and meet Parts 52/63.
_____	_____	D, ENG	182.330	Unfired pressure vessels meet requirements of Subchapter F. <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Volume _____ MAWP _____ Relief Valve Setting _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>>5cu ft (See MVI 28-90)</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Data Sheets <input type="checkbox"/> CG Stamp </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><5cu ft</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> ASME "U" or "UM" <input type="checkbox"/> Relief Valve ASME "UV" </div> </div> </div>
_____	_____	ENG	182.200(b)	Two means of engine shutdowns provided.
_____	_____	ENG	182.410(a)	Spark producing devices mounted high above bilges as possible.
_____	_____	ENG	182.410(b)	Required gauges mounted in a location so as to be in view of the operator.
_____	_____	ENG	182.422	Keel and grid cooler designed with shutoff to prevent flooding.
_____	_____	ENG	182.425	Engine exhaust cooling - type: _____
_____	_____	ENG	182.430	Engine exhaust pipe properly installed.
_____	_____	FT	182.435 & 440	Fuel Tank: <input type="checkbox"/> Integral or <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Capacity: _____ Material _____ Req 'd Thickness: _____
_____	_____	FT	182.440(a)	Baffle openings and location sat.
_____	_____	FT	182.440(b)	Fuel tank location, supports and ground sat.
_____	_____	FT	182.440(c)	Fuel tank tests required prior to and after installation.
_____	_____	FT, P	182.445	Fuel fill and sounding pipes sat.
_____	_____	FT, P	182.450	Fuel vent pipes connected to thee highest point of the tank and of adequate size .
_____	_____	FT, P	182.455	Fuel piping material: _____ Connections and strainer sat.
_____	_____	ENG, FT	182.455	Fuel supply piping suitably installed.

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Machinery Requirements - continued				

_____	_____	ENG, FT, P	182.455(b)	Fuel supply piping provided with proper shut-off valves.
_____	_____	ENG, IP	182.460	Ventilation for gasoline machinery and spaces with gasoline fuel tanks sat. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Natural vents (Supply) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Mechanical vents (Exhaust)
_____	_____	ENG, FT	182.460(e)	Exhaust blower switch interlock to ignition with red warning sign. (gasoline only).
_____	_____	ENG, IP	182.4650	Ventilation for diesel machinery and spaces with diesel fuel tanks sat. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Supply <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Exhaust

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Bilge and Ballast Requirements				

_____	_____	P	182.500	Must have means of draining any watertight compartment.
_____	_____	P	182.510	Vessels 26 feet or longer provided with individual bilge lines and bilge suctions for each watertight compartment.
_____	_____	P	182.510(b)	Bilge piping system adequate: Size of Bilge Pipe: _____ Material: _____ Size of Strainer Opening: _____
_____	_____	MS, IP	182.510(d)	Collision bulkhead penetration satisfactory.
_____	_____	P	182.520	Bilge pumps provided IAW Table 182.520(a) are acceptable.
_____	_____	P	182.520(b)(i)	Power driven fire pump can substitute as fixed power bilge pump.
_____	_____	P	182.520(e)	Submersible electric pumps were permitted U.L. Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Y / <input type="checkbox"/> N # Installed _____ Compartments Serviced: _____
_____	_____	P	182.520(j)	Catamarans must have one (1) pump per hull with cross connection capability.
_____	_____	P	182.530	Vsl >26' must have a visible and audible bilge high level alarms.
_____	_____	P	180.540	Ballast systems meet requirements.

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Steering Systems				

_____	_____	D, ENG	182.610	Main steering gear acceptable. Manual (indicate type): _____
_____	_____	ENG, E	182.610(f)	Power driven gear: <input type="checkbox"/> Additional requirements are satisfactory.
_____	_____	D, ENG	182.610(g)	> 65' - visual means to indicate operation of power units required.
_____	_____	D, ENG	182.620	Auxiliary steering apparatus, when required, acceptable.

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Piping Systems				
_____	_____	OP, IP, D	182.710	Piping for vital systems are satisfactory.
_____	_____	P	182.720(a)	Rigid Nonmetallic piping acceptable and not prohibited for system.
_____	_____	P	182.720(b)(e)	Flexible Nonmetallic piping, where permitted, meets SAE J1942/J1475.
_____	_____	P	182.720(c)	Through-hull fittings and shut-off valves metallic or equivalent, approved by the OCMI.
_____	_____	P	182.730	Nonferris Metallic Piping is satisfactory.
Electrical Installation				
_____	_____	EL	183.130	Alternate compliance with 183.420 and ABYC.
_____	_____	EL	183.210	Protection provided from wet or corrosive environments.
_____	_____	EL	183.220	Circuit breakers acceptable. Mfr. : _____ Model: _____ Rating: _____
_____	_____	EL	183.220	Switches/fuses/sockets adequate for load. UL approved for marine use.
_____	_____	EL	183.310	Loads must be energized from two sources.
_____	_____	EL	183.320	Generators adequate for maximum load. Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____ Rating: _____ Ambient Temp. Design: _____
_____	_____	EL	183.320(c)	Voltmeter and ammeter provided for generator rated at 50 volts or more. Frequency meter for alternating current generator.
_____	_____	EL	183.320(f)	Generators protected from overcurrent by circuit breakers, fuses or by an overcurrent relay.
_____	_____	EL	183.324	Dual voltage generator installation sat.
_____	_____	EL	183.330	Switchboards of adequate construction and properly sized.
_____	_____	EL	183.350	Battery installation and venting sat.
_____	_____	EL	183.350(c)	Storage battery lead connection sat.
_____	_____	EL	183.352	Batteries acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No Type: _____ Voltage: _____ Rating: _____
_____	_____	EL	183.352	Battery charger acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No Model: _____ Capacity: _____ Mfr. : _____
_____	_____	EL	183.360	Semiconductor rectifier system sat.
_____	_____	EL	183.370 & 372	General grounding requirements met.
_____	_____	EL	183. 340	Wiring sizes adequate.
_____	_____	EL	183. 340(p)	All conductors are of stranded type, 14 AWG or larger.
_____	_____	EL	183.340(p)	All conductors of sufficient size to allow for no more than-10 percent —voltage drop.

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Electrical Installation - continued				
_____	_____	EL	183.340	Conductor insulation and sheathing acceptable.
_____	_____	EL	183.380	Conductors protected by suitable overcurrent protected devices.
_____	_____	EL	183.380	Conductors supplying motors protected (h) (2) by overcurrent protection devices meet 111.70-1.
_____	_____	EL	183.410	Lights/receptacles/switches exposed to weather are watertight and corrosion resistant.
_____	_____	EL	183.420	Navigation lights in compliance with NavRules.
_____	_____	EL	183.432	Automatic emergency lighting provided.
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Miscellaneous Systems and Equipment				
_____	_____	IP	184.200	Cooking and heating equipment suitable for marine use.
_____	_____	OP	184.300	Ground tackle and mooring gear adequate.
_____	_____	IP	184.402	Magnetic compass provided.
_____	_____	IP	184.404	Radar for vessels with more than 49 passengers on Oceans, Coastwise, or Limited Coastwise routes.
_____	_____	IP	184.410	Electronic position fixing device for vessels with Oceans route.
_____	_____	IP	184.602	Internal Communication system sat.
_____	_____	IP	184.610	Public address system sat.
_____	_____	ENG	184.620	Propulsion engines have 2 independent means of controls for each installation.
_____	_____	D, P	184.704	MSD must comply with 33CFR159.